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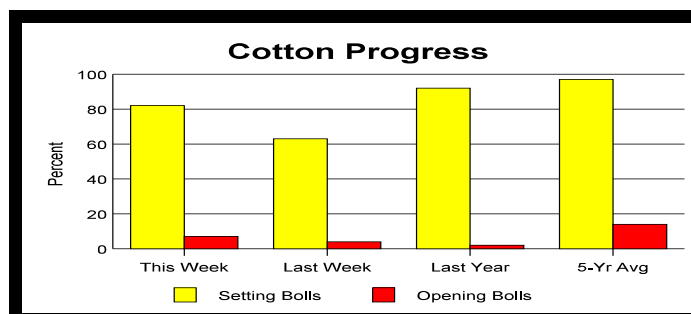
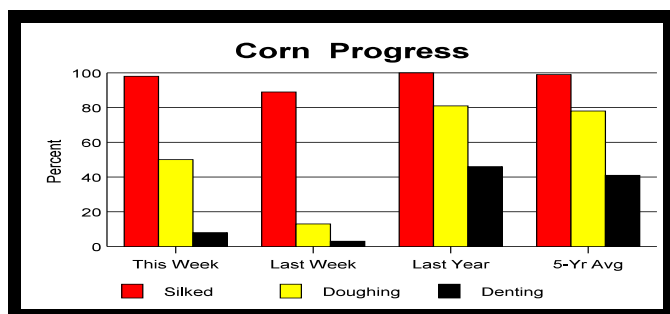
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005

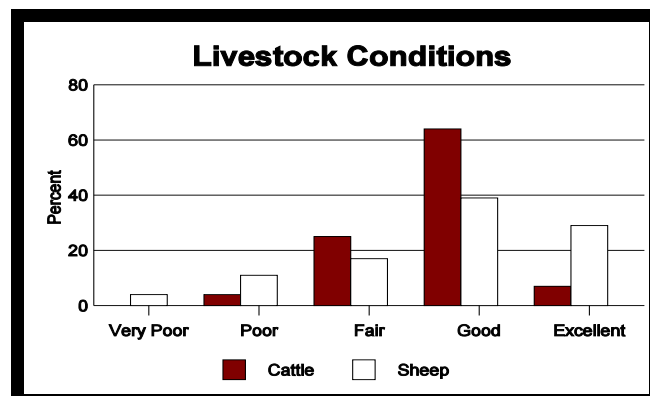
NEW MEXICO: There were 5.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 20% very short, 33% short, 39% adequate and 8% surplus. Wind damage was 9% light, 17% moderate and 2% severe. Hail damage was 2% light. Farmers were busy harvesting and preparing to plant wheat in September. Alfalfa was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 98% of the third cutting complete, 79% of the fourth cutting complete and 30% of the fifth cutting complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 82% setting bolls and 7% bolls opening. Corn was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 98% silked, 50% doughed and 8% dented. Sorghum was 59% headed and condition was 5% very poor, 25% poor, 44% fair, 25% good and 1% excellent. Peanuts were in fair to excellent condition. Lettuce was 55% planted. Chile was 24% harvested and was in mostly fair to excellent condition. Apples were in fair to good condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers were busy maintaining herds and water. Recent rains have improved rangeland. Cattle was reported as 4% poor, 25% fair, 64% good and 7% excellent. Sheep were 4% very poor, 11% poor, 17% fair, 39% good and 29% excellent. Range and pasture was reported as 6% very poor, 25% poor, 40% fair, 26% good and 3% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested	24	19	27	24
CORN	Silked	98	89	100	99
CORN	Doughing	50	13	81	78
CORN	Denting	8	3	46	41
COTTON	Setting Bolls	82	63	92	97
COTTON	Opening Bolls	7	4	2	14
LETTUCE	Planted	55	40	71	62
SORGHUM	Headed	59	43	39	42

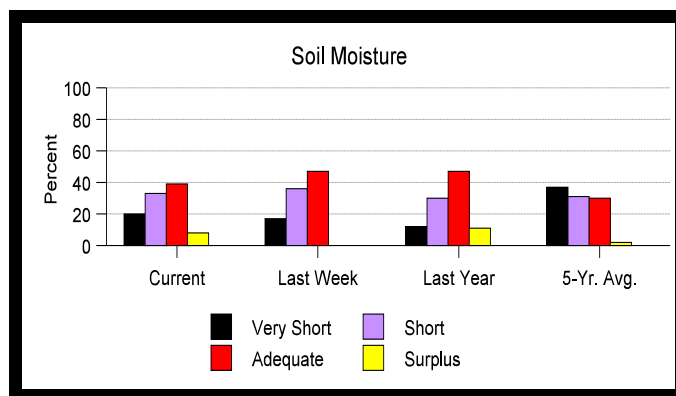

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	3	16	50	28
Apples	--	--	67	33	--
Chile	1	9	26	51	13
Corn	--	8	33	46	13
Cotton	4	5	33	38	20
Peanuts	--	--	12	63	25
Pecan	--	--	14	27	59
Sorghum (All)	5	25	44	25	1
Cattle	--	4	25	64	7
Sheep	4	11	17	39	29
Range/Pasture	6	25	40	26	3



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	22	33	40	5
Northeast	7	54	37	2
Southwest	50	45	5	--
Southeast	16	7	59	18
State Current	20	33	39	8
State-Last Week	17	36	47	--
State-Last Year	12	30	47	11
State-5-Yr Avg.	37	31	30	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

A surge of moisture northward from Mexico helped fuel numerous showers and thunderstorms during the week, with some hefty rainfall totals. Chama measured nearly 4 inches, while quite a few other locations collected between 1 and 3 inches. After a hot start to the week, the rainfall brought cooler air, which produced a weekly average temperature very close to normal. We have not received a precipitation report from Silver City since May. Consequently, we will no longer be entering data for that station. Please do not rely on monthly of 2005 totals from that location.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - AUGUST 8-14, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	08/08 08/14	08/01 08/14	Normal Aug	01/01 08/14	Normal Jan-Aug
Farmington	75.5	93	57	0.26	1.29	1.05	6.75	5.36
Gallup	69.7	88	56	1.74	2.60	2.26	10.11	8.36
Capulin	65.8	88	46	1.66	1.76	2.56	12.95	13.08
Chama	63.8	84	43	3.89	4.15	2.82	22.25	13.90
Johnson Ranch	66.8	88	44	0.84	0.84	2.29	6.62	7.72
Las Vegas	65.1	86	50	1.33	1.71	4.27	12.90	13.87
Los Alamos	65.7	86	52	2.44	3.31	3.52	14.22	13.18
Raton	68.9	91	47	1.36	1.53	3.21	12.55	13.03
Red River	57.5	79	39	1.74	2.83	3.10	18.42	15.03
Santa Fe	68.4	90	51	0.70	1.61	2.39	9.54	10.03
Clayton	71.7	95	56	2.37	2.37	2.61	11.43	11.61
Clovis	74.6	94	59	2.28	2.56	3.17	11.46	12.74
Roy	68.6	90	56	3.06	3.75	2.81	15.13	11.84
Tucumcari	75.2	100	60	2.27	2.97	2.41	13.25	10.98
Grants	69.9	88	55	0.46	0.56	2.16	5.81	6.95
Quemado	66.4	83	53	0.95	3.02	3.12	9.65	9.68
Silver City	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.09	9.34	10.64
Albuquerque	75.4	93	61	0.29	0.44	1.64	7.41	6.06
Carrizozo	72.2	92	56	0.51	0.51	2.69	10.07	8.24
Socorro	74.9	92	61	0.65	1.53	1.90	6.23	5.84
Gran Quivera	69.6	91	53	1.08	1.68	3.27	11.03	10.79
Moriarty	69.1	91	53	0.18	0.27	2.69	7.93	9.06
Ruidoso	64.0	82	47	2.47	2.94	4.04	12.68	15.03
Carlsbad	80.1	97	65	0.80	0.81	2.25	5.85	7.99
Roswell	76.9	96	60	2.30	2.81	2.03	7.39	8.77
Tatum	74.1	92	61	1.20	1.42	2.48	8.54	11.17
Alamogordo	78.7	94	63	0.29	0.66	2.41	7.77	7.92
Animas	75.8	94	62	1.82	1.91	2.34	7.47	7.08
Deming	78.1	96	62	1.39	1.43	2.05	5.61	6.48
Las Cruces	78.1	96	65	0.17	0.28	2.29	5.08	5.92
T or C	78.2	96	64	1.39	1.63	2.15	5.64	6.59

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES

The U. S. farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$1,510 per acre on January 1, 2005, up 11.0 percent from 2004. This is the largest percentage increase since 1981, when farm real estate values rose 11.1 percent from the previous year. The \$150 per acre increase is the largest dollar increase on record. The previous record was 1980, when values climbed \$109 per acre above the 1979 value.

Regional increases in the average value of farm real estate ranged from 8.2 percent in the Delta and Southern Plains regions to 13.2 percent in the Northeast and Southeast Regions. The highest farm real estate values were in the Northeast region, where urban influences have pushed the average value to \$4,020 per acre. In the Corn Belt region farm real estate values rose 10.9 percent, to \$2,550 per acre. The Mountain region, with its expanse of pasture and rangeland, had the lowest farm real estate value, at \$599 per acre.

New Mexico's farm real estate value, for the five published years, has risen consistently each year. The average value per acre in 2005 jumped to \$290 per acre, a 9.4% increase. This is the highest increase reported in the last five years. For the complete report please log on to www.usda.gov/nass and click on publications.

Farm Real Estate: Average Value per Acre, by Region and State, January 1, 2001-2005

Region/State	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change 04-05
	-----Dollars-----					----Percent----
Northeast	2,820	3,210	3,400	*3,800	4,290	12.9
Lake	1,560	1,720	1,860	2,030	2,220	9.4
Corn Belt	2,100	2,180	2,270	*2,450	2,750	12.2
Northern Plains	700	720	737	*783	880	12.4
Appalachian	2,210	2,340	2,490	*2,670	2,930	9.7
Southeast	2,090	2,240	2,350	*2,460	2,960	20.3
Delta States	1,120	1,160	1,210	1,270	1,370	7.9
Southern Plains	753	808	863	*902	965	7.0
Mountain	1,030	1,120	1,170	*1,200	1,260	5.0
Arizona ^{1/}	4,800	5,600	6,000	6,400	6,790	6.1
Colorado	966	999	1,050	*1,060	1,110	4.7
Idaho	1,530	1,600	1,680	*1,710	1,840	7.6
Montana	493	503	520	*548	586	6.9
Nevada ^{1/}	1,850	1,850	1,900	1,950	2,070	6.2
New Mexico ^{1/}	1,420	1,440	1,470	*1,450	1,450	0.0
Utah ^{1/}	2,790	2,880	2,960	*2,900	2,900	0.0
Wyoming	872	915	957	*972	1,010	3.9
Pacific	3,310	3,410	3,500	*3,570	3,880	8.7
48 States ^{2/}	1,510	1,590	1,660	*1,770	1,970	11.3

* Revised. 1/ Excludes Native American Reservation Land. 2/ Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain production is forecast at 8.1 million bushels, down 22.4 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage is down to 45,000 acres, while yields are expected to average 180 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Upland cotton is expected to yield 829 pounds an acre, down 2.2 percent from 2004. Producers anticipate harvesting 55,000 acres for a production of 95,000 bales. America-Pima cotton yield is forecasted at 1,056 pounds an acre, up 21.5 percent. Harvested acreage is slightly less than last year at 10,000 acres with production totaling 22,000 bales. Sorghum for grain production is forecasted at 4.1 million bushels, with yields down 2.2 percent to 45 bushels an acre. Peanut production is expected to reach 64.8 million pounds, up 8.9 percent from 2004. Both Alfalfa acreage and yields are up in 2005, with 1.3 million tons forecasted to be harvested this year.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but 3 percent above 2003. All cotton production is forecast at 21.3 million 480-pound bales, down 8 percent from last year's record high 23.3 million bales. Yield is expected to average 748 pounds per harvested acre, down 107 pounds from 2004. Upland Cotton production is forecast at 20.6 million 480-pound bales, 9 percent below 2004. American-Pima production is forecast at 725,000 bales, down 3 percent from last year. Sorghum production forecast for the 2005 crop year is 380 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 63.1 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from last year. Peanut production is forecast at a record high 5.14 billion pounds, up 21 percent from last year's crop and up 24 percent from 2003. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.61 million acres, unchanged from June but up 16 percent from 2004. Yields are expected to average a record high 3,190 pounds per acre, 133 pounds per acre above last year. Planted acres, at 1.65 million, are unchanged from the June estimate but 15 percent above 2004. Alfalfa production is forecast at 73.8 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.34 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.13 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 22.1 million acres, unchanged from June but up 2 percent from 2004.

August 2005 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2004 and Forecasted August 1, 2005

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Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	58	45	180.0	180.0	10,440	8,100
All Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	74.5	65.0	850	864	132.0	117.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	64.0	55.0	848	829	113.0	95.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	10.5	10.0	869	1,056	19.0	22.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	92	90	46.0	45.0	4,232	4,050
Peanuts	Lb.	17	18	3,500	3,600	59,500	64,800
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt.	240	250	4.90	5.20	1,176	1,300
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	73,632	74,368	160.4	139.2	11,807,217	10,349,841
All Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	13,057.0	13,657.0	855	748	23,250.7	21,291.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	12,809.0	13,396.0	843	737	22,505.1	20,566.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	248.0	261.0	1,443	1,333	745.6	725.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	6,517	6,030	69.8	63.1	454,899	380,319
Peanuts	Lb.	1,394	1,612	3,057	3,190	4,261,700	5,142,100
Potatoes, Fall	Tons	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.34	75,383	73,849

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Yield reported in pounds per acre: production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).